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1. The corrected Appeal Brief filed on October 31, 2006 has been entered and considered. The Examiner respectfully submits that the substance of the instant corrected Brief is substantially identical to the previous Brief filed on August 25, 2006. In fact, Appellant filed the corrected Brief in order to correct the minor non-compliance, such as, the lack of section headings, e.g., Claims Appendix, Evidence Appendix, and Related Proceeding Appendix in the previous Brief. Please See Appellant's cover letter attached to the corrected Brief and MPEP 1205.03. A new Examiner's Answer is not necessary because the Examiner's rejections and positions are the same as presented in the Examiner's Answer on September 13, 2006. The Examiner's Answer on September 13, 2006 is incorporated by reference herein to expedite the prosecution.

2. The reply brief filed October 31, 2006 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.


3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vinh T. Luong whose telephone number is 571-272-7109. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday.

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